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ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to a renewed petition filed January 31, 2011, under 37 CFR 1.378(c), to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired at midnight on May 8, 2009, for failure to pay the 7 1/2 year maintenance fee. On October 1, 2010, a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was filed, however; the petition was dismissed on November 30, 2010, due to insufficient fees. The renewed petition filed on January 31, 2011, satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

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